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Grads Get New Posts

Thomas O. Alter and Daniel E. Fenker, both graduates of 1957, have received appointments as regional group managers for The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., according to an announcement by Thomas A. Watson, second vice president. Each man will serve his respective area in the production and service of group insurance.

Alter has been named regional group manager in Miami, Fla. He will be active in the solicitation of new business and in the servicing of present policyholders in conjunction with Lincoln National Life agents and brokers in the Miami-West Palm Beach area.

A native of Fort Wayne, he completed an extensive home office training program in advance of his new appointment.

Fenker, who is also a native of Fort Wayne, has been appointed regional group manager in Seattle, Wash., and he will provide group insurance service for company agents and brokers as well as administrative assistance in group insurance service for company agents, brokers and group policyholders in the Seattle Area.

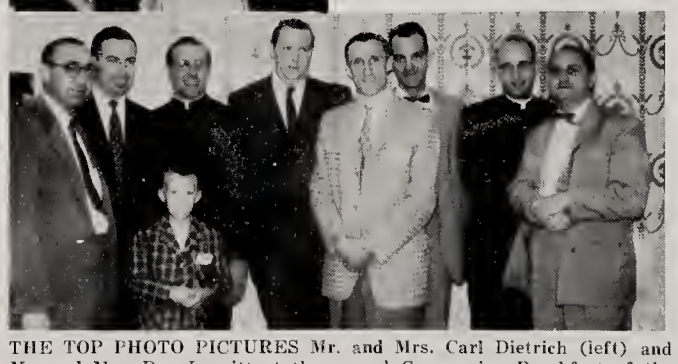
In addition to extensive home office training, he also has completed specialized training at the company's Los Angeles group office.

Breakfast Set At Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Alumni chapter will hold its annual Communion Breakfast Sunday, May 17. Mass will be in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 14th and N. Meridian, Indianapolis.

Breakfast will be in the Hotel Warren. John F. McCann, Jr., chapter president, is in charge of the arrangements.

St. Louis . . .



THE TOP PHOTO PICTURES Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dietrich (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Don Leavitt at the annual Communion Breakfast of the St. Louis chapter last month. Also attending (bottom photo) were (l. to r.) Mike Stohr, '35, Eugene Schrameck, '51, Fr. Ambrose Ruschau of St. Joseph's and moderator of the chapter, Thomas Brier, '47, Al Prosser, '45, Ted Swierczek, '47, Fr. William Eilerman of St. Joseph's, and Chris Kuhn, '51. The boy is Fred Berghoff's ('48) son, Mike.

Riedy Leads Rescue Of 14 Off Formosa

Lt. C. W. Riedy, '56, of Tiffen, O., led a rescue party in the Formosa Straits Apr. 25 which saved 14 Chinese fishermen from disaster during a storm. According to United Press International, the party rescued the fishermen from their badly damaged trawler.

The destroyer Eversole sped to the fishing boat's aid near an islet in the Pescadores. Lt. Riedy sent a rubber boat to the crippled trawler by which the 14 were taken to safety. The rescue was somewhat hampered when the tow line became tangled in the rescue boat's propellor while the Chinese were climbing into the rubber boat from the trawler. A seaman dived from the side of the rescue boat and cut the tangled line, freeing the rescue boat.

Lt. Riedy is in the Formosa Straits area for the third time since he entered the Navy in October, 1956. He received his naval training in Rhode Island.

St. Louis Alumni Hold Breakfast

Some 30 members and friends of the St. Louis Alumni chapter attended the annual Communion Breakfast in Alverne Chapel and the Mayfair hotel in downtown St. Louis Apr. 26.

Fr. Cletus Kern offered the Mass and the sermon was delivered by Fr. William Eilerman, both of St. Joseph's College.

Joe Moore, '50, president of the chapter, and Eugene Schramek, '51, secretary, conducted a short business meeting after the breakfast. Fr. Ambrose Ruschau of St. Joseph's, moderator of the St. Louis chapter, discussed the aims and purposes of an alumni organization and praised the chapter for its close cooperation with the college, and particularly its present project of recruiting new students. Moore announced plans for a chapter dinner in the near future.

Alumni attending the breakfast were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leavitt, '46; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berghoff, '48; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prosser, '45; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dietrich, '46; Thomas Brier, '47; Ralph Clark, '50; Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Swierczek, '47; Dr. and Mrs. Herman Reas, '49; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kuhn, '51; and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stohr, '35.

Father George Lubeley also attended from St. Joseph's College.

DR. ROBERT KREYCHE

SJC Professor Writes 2nd Text

A second textbook by Dr. Robert J. Kreyche, associate professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's, entitled "First Philosophy-An Introductory Text in Metaphysics," was published last month by Henry Holt and Co., Inc., of New York. The book follows Dr. Kreyche's "Logic for Undergraduates," published in 1954 by the Dryden Press.

The new text integrates Thomistic metaphysics with contemporary intellectual developments. It is described as a book which, in addition to providing an authentic knowledge of metaphysics, "explains and evaluates the underlying theses of materialism, phenomenalism, naturalism, and pragmatism, and even includes some reference to logical positivism and contemporary existentialism.

"However, the discussion of these modern and contemporary trends of thought is kept subordinate to the central purpose of the text, which is to present an exposition and demonstration of the fundamental doctrines of a realistic metaphysics."

"Specifically designed to the needs of both student and teacher, . . . this text has a very special appeal for Catholic readers who want to gain a clear idea about the background of their philosophy."

Dr. Kreyche came to St. Joseph's in 1957 after 10 years at Loyola University in Chicago. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Catholic University of America in 1942 and 1943 and then did further graduate work at DePaul University. He began his teaching career at St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, Md. in 1946 and went to Loyola the following year. He received his Ph.D. in American philosophy from the University of Ottawa, Canada, in 1952. He began work on the new text five years ago, immediately after completion of his first book in 1954.

Dr. Kreyche is a member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association and the Metaphysical Society of America. He is also an honorary member of the national Catholic society, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and was recently appointed associate editor of the New Scholasticism, a publication put out by the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

He is married and has five children.

Requirements Increased In Humanities, Science

St. Joseph's College has increased the requirements in humanities and natural science for all students. The changes, which will become effective with next September's freshmen, will raise the hours needed in humanities from six to eight and in natural science from nine to 10.

The faculty also approved a series of course changes in eight departments. Altogether, these revisions represented the largest simultaneous effort in years to improve and tighten up the academic offerings of the college.

In humanities, all students will be required to take two two-hour courses in world literature, one two-hour course in music art forms and one two-hour course in the history and appreciation of the fine arts. Under the out-going policy non-majors had to take only six hours of humanities and could choose two three-hour courses from among the offerings in literature, music, and fine arts.

10 Hours of Science

In science, all students will be required to take three hours of mathematics—either general mathematics or college algebra—and at least three hours in either the principles of biology or introductory zoology. General mathematics, a new course at St. Joseph's, is designed for non-majors with the aims of providing them with "an insight into the inner workings of mathematics rather than superficial manipulations, of instilling in them an interest in this science, of increasing their ability to think rigorously and of setting up a solid foundation of mathematical concepts upon which they can build."

All students, in addition to three hours of mathematics and three of biology, will be required to choose any two of the following four courses: principles of chemistry, principles of geology, principles of physics, and introductory astronomy. Each of these is a two-hour course.

Under the old requirements all students were required to take a nine-hour natural science program composed of the principles of biological science and the principles of physical science.

12-Hour Math Course

The most significant among the many departmental course changes will be the introduction of a 12-hour mathematics course which will combine algebra, trigonometry, analytic geometry and calculus. Designed as a comprehensive one-year course in college mathematics, it is intended for all mathematics majors as a prerequisite for all upper level courses, and for students who require it for their special fields, including geology, business, education, sociology, and pre-medical courses, as well as physics, engineering and mathematics. The course will consist of six hours a semester and will provide utilitarian mathematics "plus a broad coverage of the philosophy of mathematics and of advanced topics of special interest. It is thus suitable for liberal arts courses dealing with mathematics as a cultural entity."

The content of the course will include number systems, laws of algebra, real, rational and complex numbers, trigonometry, analytic geometry, calculus, and introductions to set theory, group theory, fields, probability, statistics, and number theory.

Other departments which have revised their curricula for next year are accounting, philosophy, physical education, English, political science, elementary education, and speech. These changes involve primarily the elimination and addition of courses.

Policy Changed

The faculty also approved one major policy change. Beginning next year, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will have only one month to withdraw from a course after the semester begins, instead of the present policy, which allows a student approximately two months to withdraw. The present deadline will still hold, however, for freshmen. The deadline was shortened for the three upper classes in order to reduce the practice of "shopping for courses."

Science Division Awarded $3,760

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of $3,760 to the Division of Natural Sciences at St. Joseph's College to aid in an undergraduate research participation program.

In making the grant, the Foundation expressed the hope that this large scale experimental program will stimulate superior undergraduates in the natural sciences to participate in research under the direction of faculty members and that this research participation will lead to important contributions in science education.

The program will begin next September and run for approximately one year. Students majoring in the natural sciences at St. Joseph's will be able to request financial support from the grant through the faculty member under whom they plan to carry on research on some specific project. The maximum grant per student will be $400.

Funds for projects will be allocated by a committee headed by Fr. Donald L. Ballmann of the geology department.

Volunteer Work Wins Honor for McElroy

Edward McElroy, '37, of 7842 Paulina st., Chicago, was honored by the Chicago Police post of Amvets in a ceremony Apr. 9.

McElroy received a plaque for his volunteer work in entertaining and arranging programs for hospitalized veterans in the Chicago area, young patients at LaRabida Jackson Park sanitarium, and the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy School for Exceptional Children in Palos Park. He has been staging shows in hospitals for the last several years.

The ceremony took place at St. Jude's hall, 221 Madison st., Chicago.

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Monon Cuts 2 of Its 3 Trains, Almost Isolates St. Joseph's

There is no longer any direct railroad passenger service between Rensselaer and Indianapolis, and two-thirds of this service between Rensselaer and Chicago has been eliminated.

The cutback came Mar. 31 when the Indiana Public Service Commission approved the Monon's petition to take the "Hoosier" and the "Tippecanoe"—the two trains that ran daily between Chicago and Indianapolis via Rensselaer—off the line. The plea was loss of money due to poor passenger patronage and federal taxes. The trains were taken off Apr. 10.

The Monon's petition also included the removal of its third passenger train, the "Thoroughbred," which runs daily between Chicago and Louisville via Rensselaer. But the PSC did not approve this, and consequently Rensselaer and St. Joseph's College still have one passenger train left. However, the PSC left the way open for the Monon to institute proceedings also to cancel the Louisville run.

The timetable between Chicago and St. Joseph's College now reads like this: There is one train daily between Chicago and Rensselaer, leaving Dearborn station at 10:05 a.m. cst and arriving in Rensselaer at 11:38 a.m. cst. (The Monon is presently operating on central standard time and may or may not remain on that time all summer, according to the Rensselaer stationmaster; so the above times would actually be 11:05 a.m. daylight time and 12:38 p.m. daylight time. Rensselaer and St. Joseph's switched to daylight time Apr. 26.) And there is one train daily between Rensselaer and Chicago, leaving Rensselaer at 2:48 p.m. cst and arriving in Chicago at 4:30 p.m. cst.

Hundreds of dependent riders protested the Monon's petition at hearings held in communities affected by the service cut. In addition to St. Joseph's, a number of other colleges and universities are affected by the decision, including Indiana, Purdue, DePauw and Wabash.

The cancellation of the two Monon trains, however, appeared to be in line with a snow-balling trend: The Indiana Public Service Commission has approved the elimination of 233 passenger trains from Indiana's railroad network since 1945 and 96 during the past year.

Fr. Lechner Voted National President

Fr. Robert F. Lechner, associate professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's College, has been elected president of the American Catholic Philosophical association. Father Lechner, whose term will run for one year, has been vice-president of the association since last April.

The election was held at the association's annual meeting, attended by some 700 members and guests, in New York Mar. 31 and Apr. 1. Other officers elected were Dr. William Walton of St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, Conn., vice-president; the Rev. Leo A. Foley of Catholic University, secretary; and the Rev. Robert Mohan, also of Catholic University, treasurer.

FR. ROBERT F. LECHNER

Father Lechner, who joined the St. Joseph faculty in 1946, received his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1950. He is the founding editor of Philosophy Today, a quarterly begun two years ago and published by the Society of the Precious Blood.

Dr. Robert J. Kreyche, also an associate professor of philosophy, at this same meeting was appointed associate editor of the New Scholasticism, a publication put out by the American Catholic Philosophical association.

At its meeting the association adopted a resolution, under discussion for several years, expressing its belief in "the fruitfulness of a continued dialogue between its members and American philosophers of traditions other than our own."

The association said that this point of view was officially adopted "in the well-grounded expectation that each side will be thus stimulated to a richer and more complete understanding of reality. Its advocates had observed," as reported in the New York Times Apr. 2, "that the various schools of American philosophy, including modern scholasticism, the dominant school among Catholics, had been criticized for working in isolation."

Campus to House Summer Events

More than 2,000 guests will visit St. Joseph's College during the summer to participate in 15 events to be held on the campus.

The summer schedule will begin with graduation ceremonies Sunday, June 7, when a record number of seniors—163—will receive their degrees. Summer school, from June 22 to Aug. 1, is expected to draw some 150 students, mostly sisters.

The largest single groups will probably be the Young Christian Workers, who will hold their annual study week Aug. 9-15, and the Young Christian Students, who will be on the campus Aug. 17-21. This will be the second consecutive year that these two groups will have held their annual meetings at St. Joseph's, and they will attract about 325 persons apiece.

Other activities will include four retreats for three different groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, a CYO field day for youths in the area, the annual pre-season drills—from July 17 until Sept. 5—of the Chicago Bears football team, and the Student Lay Apostolate conference Aug. 24-27.

Most of the events are annual affairs.

SUMMER EVENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S—1959

(Numbers in parentheses are the appoximate attendance)

June 7—Graduation

June 7-11—Lafayette Priest Retreat (75)

June 8-12—Study week (50)

June 12-14—Alcoholics Anonymous Retreat (85)

June 14—CYO Field Day

June 12-July 1—Study weeks (20)

June 15-19—Gary Retreat (60)

June 20-21—Xavier Parents Day (200)

June 22-August 1—Summer School (150)

June 22-26—Gary Retreat (60)

July 17-September 5—Chicago Bears (70)

August 8—Young Christian Workers' Officers (60)

August 9-15—Young Christian Workers (325)

August 17-21—Young Christian Students (325)

August 24-27—Student Lay Apostolate Conference (30)

Chicagoan Wins $1,500 Raffle

John F. Ryan of Glenview, Ill. was the winner of the 1959 Fathers' club raffle, held Apr. 17 at the club's Hawaiian holiday card party at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart. Mr. Ryan, who is not connected with St. Joseph's but was sold the winning ticket by a member of the St. Joseph Parents' club, held number 64500 and won $1,500.

The winner had the choice of either a trip to Hawaii for two or a $1,500 check.

The raffle netted $5,071 for St. Joseph's, some $1,100 more than last year, and the Fathers' club turned over to the school a total of $6,800 from both the raffle and the card party—$1,800 more than last year.

The Fathers' club, with Eugene Richards as chairman, conducted the raffle while the Mothers' Club sponsored the card party. It was Mrs. Primo Buscarini, president of the Mother's club, who sold the winning ticket to Mr. Ryan. The Chicago alumni participated in the raffle and 186 books—compared to only 30 last year—were purchased by alumni in Chicago, Louisville, St. Louis and Hammond. The total number of books sold this year was 1,548.

Fr. Joseph A. Otte is moderator of the Parents' club.

Off to Rome . . .

FR. RAPHAEL H. GROSS

FR. CHARLES J. ROBBINS

Fathers Gross, Robbins Elected Delegates to Rome This Summer

The Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, St. Joseph College president, and the Rev. Charles J. Robbins, registrar, are among nine fathers from the American province of the Society of the Most Precious Blood who have been chosen as delegates to the General Chapter in Rome this summer.

Also attending as a delegate ex officio will be the Very Rev. John E. Byrne, recently elected provincial of the American province.

The 10 American representatives will join priest-delegates from the society's German, Italian and Austrian provinces on about July 1 to elect a new curia—the governing body of the entire society—which includes the moderator general and four definitors, or consultors. The term for each of the five positions is 12 years.

Chosen by Mail

Selected as American delegates in addition to Fathers Gross and Robbins were Frs. Herbert Linenberger, Seraphim Oberhauser, Isidore McCarthy, Harold Diller, Andrew Pollack, Walter Pax and Aloys Dirksen. The delegates are chosen by mail ballot by all the priests in the province.

The present curia is composed of the Very Rev. Herbert Kramer of the American province, moderator general; Rev. Aloysius Contegiacomo of the Italian province, first consultor; Rev. Otto Flueck of the German province, second consultor; Rev. John Behen of the American province, third consultor or secretary (Father Behen replaced Father Pollack, one of the nine 1959 American delegates, as third consultor because of the illness of Father Pollack); and Rev. Robert Neumeyer of the American province, fourth consultor or treasurer.

Any member of the present curia can be reelected; all of the present officers are serving their first 12-year term. All the members of the curia live at the society's generalate, or headquarters, in Rome.

Two Requirements

Any priest-member of the Society of the Precious Blood can be elected moderator general if he has been in the society for 10 years from the time of his temporary profession and is at least 40 years old. Any priest-member can be elected consultor if he has been in the society for at least 10 years.

The election procedure is the same as that employed in provincial elections, except that the voting in Rome is done by delegates instead of by the members at large, as is the case in the provinces. A maximum of three ballots can be cast. In order to win on either of the first two ballots, a candidate must obtain a majority; if nobody receives a majority for the particular position on the first two ballots, then the candidate who receives the most votes on the third and final ballot is elected.

Other Business

In addition to casting their votes, the delegates will also have other business at the general chapter, including the approval of the society's constitutions by the Holy See and a decision on either a uniform Manual of Prayers for all the provinces or one adapted to each province. The delegates are also authorized to discuss any other business that might arise.

The American representatives are scheduled to leave New York by boat about June 9 and are due back in New York about Aug. 9.

Pat Goedert Wins Oratory Contest

Patrick J. Goedert, a freshman at St. Joseph's College, has won the school's Conroy Oratory contest with his speech entitled "The Rack," a commentary on the nation's railroad problem.

The three judges, all St. Joseph faculty members, chose Goedert from among 10 finalists who survived preliminaries in the school-wide contest. Second place was awarded to John Conlon, a freshman from Chicago, for his "A Call for Emancipation," a discussion of the race problem in the South. Thomas Moloney, a freshman from Marion, O., won third place with "Zen Buddhism and the Western World."

Goedert was awarded the Msgr. T. M. Conroy Memorial Gold medal and $15 at the annual Parents Day Awards assembly on the St. Joseph campus May 3. Conlon received $10 and Moloney $5. The finals of the contest were held Apr. 22.

The sponsor of the contest is Fr. James J. Conroy of Our Sunday Visitor, the national Catholic weekly. Each year Father Conroy, a 1932 alumnus of St. Joseph's, donates the Msgr. Conroy gold medal to the contest winner in tribute to his uncle, an 1896 alumnus of St. Joseph's and founder of the annual speech contest.

Goedert lives in River Forest, Ill., and is a graduate of Fenwick high school in Oak Park, Ill. He intends to major in American history and political science at St. Joseph's.

Fr. Maziarz Receives Grant to American U.

Fr. Edward A. Maziarz, academic dean at St. Joseph's, has received a grant from the National Science Foundation for summer work at the American University in Washington D. C.

Father Maziarz will study the history and philosophy of mathematics and science at the university from June 5 to July 24. He holds master's degrees in philosophy and mathematics from Catholic University and the University of Michigan respectively, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Ottawa.

Jauron Resigns Grid Post; Successor Not Yet Named

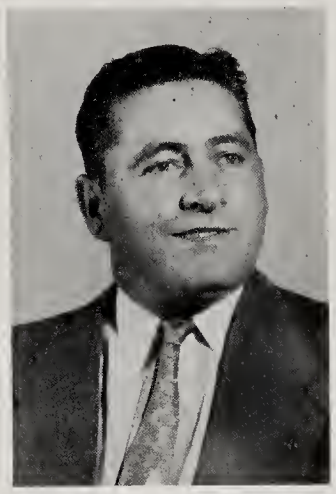
Bob Jauron, head football coach at St. Joseph's College for the past five years, has resigned his post, college officials announced last month. His successor has not been named.

Spring drills are proceeding under the direction of Joe Iofredo and Don Zimmerman, last year's assistant coaches. Forty candidates reported for spring practice.

Jauron, who was recently named coach of the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen of the Ontario Union in Canada, led St. Joseph's from several losing seasons to three Indiana Collegiate conference championships and a national small-college (NAIA) co-championship in 1956. He never had a losing season with the Pumas, compiling a five-year record of 32 wins, 13 losses and one tie.

Winning Record

A native of Nashua, N.H., Jauron came to St. Joseph's in 1954



BOB JAURON

after a nine-year high school career in which he experienced only one losing season while winning 73 games, dropping 14 and tying one. Thus his total record, through 14 years of high school and college coaching, is 105 wins, 27 defeats and two ties.

Jauron came to St. Joseph's in 1954 at a time when the college was considering dropping football because of a poor post-war record. In the nine seasons from 1946 through 1953, the Pumas had had only one winning season and had won only 18 games while losing 42 and tying five. In his first year at the helm of a college team, and with eight freshmen in the starting line-up, Jauron finished with a 5-4 mark, St. Joseph's first winning record since 1949.

The next year he increased the record to 6-3 and tied for the Indiana Collegiate conference championship.

Goes to Bowl

In 1956 the Pumas, most of them now juniors, established themselves as the conference power by steamrolling to their first undisputed ICC crown with a 6-0 record and finished the season with an 8-1 mark, losing only to Xavier (O.). They were selected to play Montana State College in the first national championship bowl game sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, then called the Aluminum Bowl at Little Rock, Ark. (It has since been changed to the Holiday Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla.) St. Joseph's played Montana State to a scoreless tie in the rain and mud before a nationally televised audience. The year was climaxed by Jauron's selection by the Knute Rockne Club as Little All-American coach of the year.

5-4 Last Fall

St. Joseph's rang up another 8-1 record in 1957, again losing only to Xavier, and captured their second straight undefeated ICC championship.

Last season, facing a rebuilding task after the graduation of his four-year veterans, Jauron won his last three games to finish the season with a 5-4 record. St. Joseph's wound up in a two-way tie for second place in the ICC with a 4-2 mark.

Jauron is a 1942 graduate of Boston College, where he played football under Frank Leaby.

Williams Voted To All-Midwest

Guard Bobby Williams of St. Joseph's basketball team had one more honor added to his already impressive list of post-season awards when he was selected recently to the annual All-Midwest Catholic college cage squad by the Times-Review, official newspaper of the LaCrosse, Wisconsin diocese.

Williams, a 5-10 junior, was named to the first team along with Dave Thies, St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.; Al Latham, Lewis College, Lockport, Ill.; Jack Frasco, Loras College, Dubuque, Ia.; and Jerry Lamers, St .Norbert College, West DePere, Wis.

Name Band Plays

The Sauter-Finegan orchestra provided the music for the annual junior-senior prom May 9.

The two men—Ed Sauter and Bill Finegan—joined forces in 1952 after writing scores on their own for such names as Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Woody Herman and Ray McKinley. They are considered among the country's top arrangers.

ICC STANDINGS
(Through May 2)

Valparaiso	8	2	.800	
DePauw	4	1	.800	1½
Butler	3	3	.500	3
Evansville	3	5	.375	4
Ball State	2	4	.333	4
Indiana State	2	4	.333	4
St. Joseph's	1	4	.200	4½

PUMA BASEBALL SCORES

7	Wabash	19
3	Wabash	3
4	*DePauw	5
2	*DePauw	2
—	*Evansville (2)	—
	Cancelled, rain	
4	*Valparaiso	9
3	*Valparaiso	5
—	Indiana Central	—
	Cancelled, rain	
5	*Indiana State	0
1	*Indiana State	2
7	Wabash	8

REMAINING SCHEDULE

May 9 —*Butler(2)	There
May 16—Navy Pier(2)	Here
May 19—Marian(2)	There
May 23—*Ball State(2)	Here

*Indiana Collegiate Conference

Schmidt at Redstone

Pfc. Lawrence L. Schmidt, '57, was a member of the team which recently represented the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., in the Third Army company-level volleyball tournament at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Pfc. Schmidt's team advanced to the Third Army tournament by winning the company-level championship at the Redstone Arsenal.

A corporal missile internal guidance repairman with the Ordnance Guided Missile School at the arsenal, Pfc. Schmidt entered the Army in October, 1957, and received basic combat training at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Before entering the Army, he was employed by the J. M. Eckert Company, Chicago.

Frs. Nieset, Siegrist Celebrate 25th Anniversary of Ordinations

Fr. Carl F. Nieset and Fr. Urban J. Siegrist, professors at St. Joseph's College, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their ordinations as priests of the Society of the Most Precious Blood May 1 on the college campus.

Some 250 relatives, guests and faculty members attended the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving and a banquet held in the college cafeteria. The Most Rev. John J. Carberry, Bishop of Lafayette-in-Indiana, celebrated the Mass.

Father Nieset, a native of Millersville, O., is an associate professor of geology. He came to St. Joseph's in 1937 after receiving his M.S. degree from the Catholic University of America. He has also done graduate work at Purdue University and the University of Texas.

Father Nieset is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, the Indiana Academy of Science, the Mineralogical Society of America, the Association of Geology Teachers, the American Association of Petroleum Engineers, the Geological Society of America, the Mineralogical Society of Canada, and the Albertus Magnus Guild.

Father Siegrist is an associate professor of biolo y at St. Joseph's. A native of Cassella, O., he received his M.S. degree from Catholic University in 1936 and his Ph.D. degree last year from the Institutum Divi Thomae, a graduate school of research in Cincinnati. Father Siegrist's research for his dissertation involved antibiotics derived from the so-called higher, or green plants—herbs, shrubs and trees—which he had been working on since 1949. (In the past almost all antibiotics, such as penicillin and streptomycin, have been prepared from the "lower" plants living in the soil.)

Father Siegrist, who has been teaching at St. Joseph's since 1936, is a member of the Society of American Bacteriologists, the National Association of Biology Teachers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Dairy Science Association, the American Forestry Association, the Society for Study of Evolution, the American Nature Study Society, and the Indiana Academy of Science.

Silver Jubilees . . .

FR. URBAN J. SIEGRIST

FR. CARL F. NIESET

Pumas' Hitting, Pitching Fail; Compile 1-6-2 Record

With the season more than half over, St. Joseph's baseball team found itself with a 1-6-2 record and in last place in the Indiana Collegiate conference with a 1-4 league mark.

The Pumas, a more solid ball club than their record indicates, have fallen off from last year both in hitting, particularly in the clutch, and pitching. The squad was hitting only .250 and has left 81 men on base in the first nine games, and the combined earned run average of the pitching staff was 3.95. Last season, when they compiled a 9-5 mark, the Pumas hit .282 and had a 2.86 ERA. In the field the squad was matching last year's average of .916, with 26 errors in the nine games.

St. Joseph's got off to an ominous start Apr. 4 when they lost the opener of a doubleheader to Wabash, 19-7, and could do no better than a 3-3 tie in the nightcap before it was called because of darkness. The Pumas then went on to lose and tie, 5-4 and 2-2, against DePauw in the first ICC encounter; lose two to Valparaiso, 9-4 and 5-3; split with Indiana State, taking the opener 5-0 and dropping the second game, 2-1; and lose a single return match at Wabash, 8-7.

Koehler Finds Range

Sophomore Tom Roemer, who has taken the first base job away

FIRST-BASEMAN TOM ROEMER

from All-Conference Jack Finnegan, is leading the regulars with a .333 average. The heaviest hitter on the squad, however, has been centerfielder Jimmy Koehler, who is hitting .321 after a slow start. Koehler has five of the team's 12 extra base hits, including a double, three triples and the team's only home run, leads the team in stolen bases with four and runs-batted-in with six, and has played errorless ball in the field with 18 chances.

Next among the regulars are left fielder Jim Gagliano with .296, outfielder-catcher Tom Deem with .292, and shortstop Ray Kuzniar with .259. The nine opponents averaged six runs a game against St. Joseph's, while the Pumas were averaging four.

Carrying the load on the mound for Coach Bob Shemky have been Greg Grothouse, Pete Simon and Bob Gallaher, who pitched 62 of the first 68 innings. Grothouse was pacing the squad with a 1-1 record and a 1.68 ERA in 21 1 3 innings. Although he has an 0-3 record, Simon has compiled a 3.28 ERA, has allowed only 21 hits in 22 innings and has struck out 25 and walked only nine. Gallaher has a 6.39 ERA in 19 innings.

Lose to Wabash

Apr. 4—Wabash mingled six hits with nine bases on balls, four errors and one hit batsman to score 16 runs in the fourth and fifth innings as they smashed the Pumas, 19-7. Grothouse, the first of five St. Joseph pitchers, was the loser as the Pumas committed a total of eight errors. The Little Giants collected only eight hits with their 19 runs. Kuzniar, with two hits and three RBI's, and Koehler with a two-run homer, paced the Pumas' seven-hit attack.

Simon went the full seven innings in the nightcap and allowed only six hits before the game was called at 3-3. St. Joseph's also had six hits and each team committed two errors.

Dropped by DePauw

Apr. 11—DePauw had to go 13 innings before nipping St. Joseph's, 5-4, in the ICC opener. Simon, who pitched the final four innings and allowed only two hits while striking out six and walking none, took the loss when he threw over the first-baseman's head in trying to get a runner and the winning run scored from second.

The second game finished in a 2-2 tie when DePauw's Butch Colin slammed a home run off of Puma starter Gallaher with two out in the last of the fifth—the final inning of the game, which was called because of darkness due to the 13-inning first game. Gallaher had given up only three hits in the five innings.

Valpo Wins Two

Apr. 25—St. Joseph's, idle for two weeks because of rain which washed out their twin bill with Evansville Apr. 18, dropped two more to league-leading Valparaiso. The Pumas, who collected nine hits in the opening 9-4 defeat, left 13 runners stranded, with Gallaher taking the loss. Deem, Roemer and Freehill each garnered two hits for the losers.

Simon went all the way again in the nightcap, allowing only five hits, fanning eight and walking four, but it was his own wildness in the third inning which cost him the game when Valparaiso scored three runs to take a 4-3 lead and the decision. St. Joseph's had seven hits, including Koehler's triple, which was the only extra base hit of the game.

Indiana State Splits

May 2—Grothouse's four-hit, shut-out pitching finally gave the Pumas their first win of the season, 5-0 over Indiana State. The righthander, who struck out four and walked four, had a no-hitter through the first six innings and was supported by eight Puma hits, including two apiece by Deem and catcher Bob Groneman. Koehler again smashed the game's only extra base hit—another three-bagger.

Simon was again the victim of tough luck in the second game when he lost a well played, 2-1 decision. He pitched a seven-hitter for five innings but became sick in the top of the sixth and gave up a triple to the first hitter before leaving the game. Gallaher came in with the score tied at 1-1 and got the next two men, but the winning run scored on a passed ball to the next hitter. Koehler had a perfect day at the plate, collecting three of the Pumas' five hits and batting in the only run.

Wabash Wins Again

May 5—With the senior members of the squad out of the line-up because of graduate record exams, the Pumas dropped their sixth game of the season at Wabash, 8-7. The Little Giants blasted starter Lou Markowski out of the box in the second and Gallaher went the rest of the way, yielding 11 hits and five runs and taking the loss. Koehler, with a triple and a single, and regular third baseman Bob Decker, with two doubles, led St. Joseph's 12-hit attack.

Three Rained Out

In addition to the doubleheader with Evansville, the Pumas have had one other game—against Indiana Central—cancelled because of rain. Eight games—four doubleheaders—remain on the schedule, including four ICC contests with Butler and Ball State.

Glandorf Elects New Officers

Some 20 alumni and friends of the Glandorf, Ohio Alumni chapter attended the annual dinner meeting at Glandorf Apr. 28 and also elected new chapter officers.

Elected president was Edward A. Holtz, '41, of Lima, O., succeeding Dick Trame, '38. John R. O'Grady, '41, also of Lima, was named vice-president and Joseph A. Nienberg, '35, of Glandorf, was elected secretary-treasurer.

ACADEMICS

HIGHER EDUCATION — KEEP IT BRIGHT

by Richard L. Kilmer,
CHAIRMAN OF THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Division of Social Sciences at St. Joseph's consists of the departments of economics, history, political science, and sociology. Administratively, the department of economics is a part of the Division of Business and Economics; and since future columns of Contact will carry news about work being done at St. Joseph's in sociology, this issue's column will be confined to history and political science.

At St. Joseph's we believe that the study of history permits a special opportunity to develop a vital perspective on the past and present which is an indispensible aspect of liberal education. History is the narrative record of man's past, disciplined and ordered by a respect for reality. Its aim, especially as taught to young men developing into responsible citizens, is an understanding of human affairs in all their complexity and depth. Through history undergraduates learn about man's past achievements, his ideas, his principal struggles, the aspirations and hopes that have guided and inspired mankind.

RICHARD L. KILMER

The history which is required for all students at St. Joseph's (under the title of the Development of Western Institutions) is the history of the western European tradition. The course material is the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the more important European countries. The course emphasizes the making of western society from its formative stage in the classical era, through its quickening in the medieval world, to its immense complexity in modern times. This study should have its own inherent interest, but since it is also intended to free the student's mind from parochialism, it leads to an informed understanding of contemporary issues. For "man without man's past is meaningless." The Development of Western Institutions tries to show how the great forces at work in western civilization—individualism, capitalism, liberalism, nationalism, statism, and democracy—and the conquest of nature by the physical sciences have entered into and have formed contemporary European and American society.

The major program in history at St. Joseph's is a rounded offering of some 15 courses which introduce the student to the serious and advanced study of ancient, medieval, modern European, and American history, as well as to the history of England and Russia. The proseminar in history provides an introduction to methods in historical research, historiography, and philosophy of history. Over the last several years an average of approximately 20 juniors and about the same number of seniors have majored in history. An increasing number of these are in teacher training programs in secondary education; a number of others choose history as a major in preparation for the study of law; and still others major in history in preparation for graduate study and college teaching. And there are those who elect to major in history to obtain the broad cultural basis in a liberal arts program which the study of history provides. A very considerable number of students majoring in other subjects—business, geology, accounting, biology, English, mathematics, etc.—minor in history or choose electives from the history course offerings. Some upper-level history courses have consistently large enrollments and sometimes have to be offered in more than one section.

During this present school year the history faculty, with the cooperation of the campus history club, have presented a series of lectures and discussions which have been intended to arouse further undergraduate interest in history. Fr. Donald Shea spoke on Russia since Stalin; Sister M. Anthonita gave an analysis of contemporary Near East politics and events; Richard Kilmer made an assessment of the Eisenhower personality and character; and Howard Phillips evaluated the results of the Congressional election of 1958.

Liberal values are firmly rooted in historical study. History and man's intelligence proceed toward truth, because history deals with what has really happened. The study of history develops respect for accuracy and objectivity, for careful investigation and necessarily cautious generalizing, as well as for literate expression. The liberal arts comprise the richest heritage of western civilization; and these arts themselves become more intelligible and enriching for having first been observed, in the study of history, as parts of the whole.

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by John M. Phelps
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Few will deny that the problems of government are vital to us all today; nor should the responsibility of Catholics to be informed participants in public affairs require proof. However, we have the testimony of eminent Catholic political scientists in this country that Catholics and the Catholic college, by and large, have not fulfilled their responsibility in this regard. In this we have been outdistanced by the state and the secular institution; yet we decry the influence of many of their social practitioners. Commonly "politics" is still an unsavory word in our vocabulary but our democratic responsibility is greater, and threatened, as never before.

Happily, however, the situation is beginning to change appreciably; witness the rise of the very large number of good, young and extremely well-educated Catholic politicians, foreign affairs officers, administrators and academicians in place of the traditional "boss" so often identified with Catholic participation in politics. This fact may be largely credited to those pioneer Catholic teachers in Catholic and secular institutions 20 to 30 years ago. In brief, this is the over-all situation that confronts the political science teacher at St. Joseph's.

Of course, the practical question presents itself. What does the student trained in political science do? At St. Joseph's the program thus far is primarily a preparatory training for law school, a tried and good practice. Law has been the profession of the political participant because of its unique advantages in wide public contacts and the personal and economic freedom prerequisite to public activity. Again, this situation, too, has changed and will continue to do so. However, change will not be detrimental to pre-law training but a supplementary training of the good Catholic political science student for the graduate school. Today there are thousands of professional members of the American Political Science association to which is added the also large and diverse membership of the sister organization, the American

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Cape Collegeville Launches Pumanik 1 . . .

THE TENSE COUNTDOWN for the Science Day rocket, prepared by Fr. Charles Rueve, begins . . .

. . . IT'S OFF (phew!) and skyward 350 feet into the air before descending by parachute . . .

. . . PROUDER THAN Von Braun is missileman Rueve.

SJC Science Day Fascinates Campus Guests

St. Joseph's annual Science Day Apr. 12 turned out to be a tremendous success as large crowds of students, parents, and girlfriends inspected the many interesting exhibits constructed by the Collegeville Einsteins. These student scientists carefully interpreted each of the various exhibits for the spectators, most of whom had little or no experience in the natural sciences.

Perhaps the most popular display of the day was put on by the mechanical engineers. They showed the inner workings of the not-so-simple automobile engine, including the cooling system, the ignition system, the lubrication system, and the clutch and transmission systems. The many cutaway models they used were obtained from a Rensselaer body shop by Bro. John Marling. Bill McCrea, a junior, described the intricate mechanism of the automatic transmission system. The aeronautical engineers, not to be outdone, turned the campus into a miniature Cape Canaveral as they fired a one stage rocket into the Indiana skies.

The geology club presented an actual exhibit of stream erosion showing the meandering pattern, the terraces, and the ox-bow lakes formed by water as it flows over a bed of sand. But the crowds seemed most interested in the display of field methods used by geologists.

The most popular exhibit of the biology club was its compartive test of the effects of different products such as Pepsodent toothpaste and Listerene mouthwash on two organisms. Many persons enjoyed this display because it dealt with products familiar to everyone and was easily understandable. The spectators also enjoyed the blood-test exhibit.

"Chemistry in Industry" was the theme of the chemistry club exhibits. Their display of the chemistry of perfumes and cosmetics was well received by the many young ladies who visited the college over the weekend. Pete Warner gave an interesting demonstration of the many uses of the spectograph.

Interesting problems in mathematics were explained by members of the math club. The spectators were baffled by the Mobius problem, but Bill Uecker's demonstration of the viewgraph drew the greatest number of on-lookers.

Student Reporter Visits Farm, Finds Much Wheat, Corn, Milk

by Glenn Clausen, '60

Richard Winters was straddling a scaffold 20 feet over my head. His hammer pounded spikes into the unfinished roof of the new hay-barn with a hardy swing. It was hard to hear what he was saying from the ground so I scrambled up a ladder to interview him. Contact goes anywhere in search of a story!

Dick has been manager of St. Joseph's farm for close to 14 years now, and before the war caught up with him he was rising at dawn so the Pumas could have their milk and vegetables.

With one arm wrapped tightly around a two-by-four, I asked Dick about the farm. Since 1935 it has consisted of 1128 acres of some of the finest black loam soil in Indiana. In the same manner as any modern business of any size the farm is divided up into departments. The grain farm processes its own silage, and has most of its acreage planted in wheat which is sold for profit to outsiders.

Production Increased

The building under construction was the new hay barn. Twenty-four feet wider than the old one which made such a glorious bonfire last fall, it is a sign of increased production.

Corn is the leading crop of the second department, the crop farm. Closely following it is that old standby on our dinner tables, beans. Here too, most of the harvest is sold for profit, according to Mr. Winters.

Third and most important to the student body is the dairy farm under the direction of Fred Schuster. Three hundred gallons of milk a day are gulped down by thirsty Pumas. Ninety-five Holsteins give us fresh milk twice a day. Modern milking machines painlessly drain four cows at a time. Within a few minutes their milk has flowed through clear plastic tubes into a gleaming pasteurizer located in the next room. From the pasteurizer into the cooler and then to the kitchen.

Crew of Ten

Students who have lived out in Drexel have studied to "oinks" and risen to roosters throughout the years. George Schuster manages this sector of St. Joseph's agricultural domain.

The whole vast agricultural complex is efficiently handled by a well-trained crew of 10 under the direction of Mr. Winters. Farm mechanics maintain complex machinery in their own machine shop. Land is tilled scientifically for best crop production. Our farm is a complex enterprise carefully managed and worked for better food and greater profit. A fact for which we can all be grateful as we gulp down that third glass of cow juice.

4 Professors Earn Degrees

During the academic year many of the St. Joseph's professors work for various post-graduate degrees along with their teaching. Others use their spare time to write articles in their field. Since January four degrees have been conferred on professors at the college and at least two articles have been published by members of the faculty.

Rev. Urban J. Siegrist received his Ph.D. degree from the Institutum Divi Thomae in January, Rev. William L. Eilerman received his M.S. degree from St. Louis University in February, Dr. Allan J. Twark received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois in February and Mr. Bernard E. Qubeck received his M.Mus. degree from Roosevelt University, also in February.

Francis Duggan and Mr. Qubeck published articles recently in Thought and Mesart, respectively.

Academics . . .

Society for Public Administration, and the smaller organs such as the City Managers' association. There are also the numerous foreign affairs officers of our State department, foreign economic and intelligence organizations and administrators. All are engaged in one way or another with the overriding task of maintaining the position of the United States as the sole truly independent power outside the Sino-Soviet block. This task utterly dwarfs that of previous empires and is essential for our very survival.

The federal entrance examination alone per annum recruits 5,000 young administrators and social scientists, in large part political scientists. We also have the testmony this month of Robert Murphy, our able diplomat, that the State department at this moment has a serious deficiency of 200 men in the foreign service. The much touted engineering shortage in the United States incidentally has obscured the need for the college and high school teacher, the administrator and the research man in the social sciences. The normal training for the social scientist is the M.A. degree as is befitting his professional responsibilities. The competition is severe but the opportunity for the good student is here.

True, government may be overgrown but our country has not stopped expanding in the size and complexity of its tasks, social and otherwise. The problem of the best government for the least money has only one answer taught us by the Greeks of old: more intelligent and morally responsible participants. The political scientist is rarely well to do and does not aspire to be. But he is seldom unhappy in his work nor has this profession ever apologized for its purpose of responding to the challenge of the times. Young men and women, by nature, respond to such an appeal. To deprive them of the risk and responsibility would be to rob them of their rightful heritage as free men and women.